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SUBJECT: WMO: TWENTY NINTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: 29TH SESSION WMO EC ENDED MAY 30 WITH ADOPTION
PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1976, SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION FOR 1975,
AND OTHER ACTIONS STEMMING FROM DECISIONS OF JUST-CONCLUDED
SEVENTH CONGRESS. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW. END SAMMARY.

1. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY:

(A) EC ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1976 TOTALLING DOLS 9,401,500 APPROXIMA-
TELY 23 PCT. OF QUADRENNAL MAXIMUM EXPENDITURE ADOPTED BY CONGRESS
FOR SEVENTH FINANCIAL PERIOD. BUDGET PROVIDES FOR TOTAL OF 229 SEC-
RETARIAT POSTS IN 1976, INCREASE OF 7 POSTS OVER PRESENT COMPLE-
MENT AND 9 FEWER POSTS THAT CEILING OF 238 EXTABLISHED BY CONGRESS.
UNIT VALUE FOR ASSESSMENTS ON MEMBERS IS DOLS 8,088.64, MAKING U.S.
ASSESSMENT, BASED ON 274 UNITS, DOLS 2,216,287.36.

(B) 1975 SUPPLEMENTAL: AS FORECAST DURING SEVENTH CONGRESS, SECRE-
TARIAT PRESENTED ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR 1975 OF \$1,249,000 RE-
SULTING FROM SALARY INCREASES AND ALLOWANCES APPROVED BY UN SINCE
MAY 1974, OF WHICH SEC GEN ABLE ABSORD \$449,000 BY EFFECTING
ECONOMIES ELSEWHERE IN BUDGET. REMAIN \$800,000 WILL BE ASSESSED
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AGAINST MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLEXIBILITY CLAUSE OF BUDGET-

ARY RESOLUTION 24 OF SIXTH CONGRESS. THIS AMOUNT IS IN ADDITION TO INCREASE IN MAXIMUM EXPENDITURE OF \$1,400,000 FOR 6TH FINANCIAL PERIOD VOTED BY 7TH CONGRESS, OF WHICH \$300,000 WILL BE COVERED BY SAVINGS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

(C) WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 7TH FINANCIAL PERIOD: PURSUANT TO 7TH CONGRESS DECISION, EC ESTABLISHED LEVEL OF WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 7TH FINANCIAL PERIOD (BEGINNING JAN 1, 1976) AT \$2 MILLION. AMOUNT DUE FROM MEMBERS PER UNIT OF ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION WILL BE \$1,721 COMPARED WITH \$752 FOR 6TH FINANCIAL PERIOD. AMOUNT DUE FROM U.S. WILL BE \$265,553.

2. REVIEW OF EC PANELS AND OTHER EC BODIES: EC AGREED CONTINUATION WORKING GROUP ON ANTARCTIC METEOROLOGY, AND ALL EC PANELS OF EXPERTS EXCEPT THAT ON METEOROLOGY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. ALSO AGREED RETAIN FGGE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANNEL (WITH ARGENTINA AND IRAN ADDED); WMO/ICSU ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ON GARP, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OCEANIC METEOROLOGICAL RESEARCH AND SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR IMO PRIZE. GIBBS, AUSTRALIA, TO TAKE OVER CHAIRMANSHIP OF CLIMATE CHANGE PANEL. MEMBERSHIP OF VAP PANEL TO CONSIST OF TAHA (CHAIRMAN), BESSEMOULIN (FRANCE), GIBBS (AUSTRALIA), ISREAL (USSR), SUSSENBERGER (FRG), TEWUNGWA (UGANDA), WHITE (USA), MOHRI (JAPAN), NOBLE (CANADA), AND PEREIRA (BRAZIL, PRESIDENT OF RA III).

3. EC APPROVED VAP RULES ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS RULES, ONLY CHANGES BEING THOSE NECESSARY TAKE ACCOUNT RELEVANT CONGRESS VII DECISIONS; I.E., ADDITION, WHERE APPROPRIATE, OF REFERENCES TO HYDROLOGY AND SHORT-TERM FELLOWSHIPS AND TRAINING SEMINARS WHERE WWW SUPPORT IS INVOLVED.

4. PROGRAM DECISIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT CONGRESS VII DECISIONS RELATING TO WWW, OCEAN AFFAIRS, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING GARP AND FGGE) AGRO-MET, AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS WERE ADOPTED. ALL DECISIONS IN THIS REGARD WERE COMPATIBLE WITH US OBJECTIVES AND NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED. COMMITTEE APPROVED SCHEDULE FOR FIRST GARP GLOBAL EXPERIMENT (FGGE), AS RECOMMENDED BY JOC, OPERATIONAL PHASE TO TAKE PLACE SEPT 1978 TO AUG 1979. PRUSUANT CONGRESS VII DECISION TO ESTABLISH REGISTER OF WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS AND EXPERIMENTS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES, EC REQUESTED SECGEN TO CIRCULATE QUESTIONNAIRE TO MEMBERS AS UNCLASSIFIED

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BASIS FOR STARTING REGISTER. EC ALSO CLARIFIED ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (PEP) AND REQUESTED SECGEN TO CALL SESSION OF WEATHER MOD PANEL IN LATE 1975 OR EARLY 1976 TO RECOMMEND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PLANS FOR PEP.

5. EC APPROVED 1975 BUDGET FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY \$1,232,000, SUPPORTED FROM OVERHEAD ALLOCATIONS FROM UNDP, EXCEPT, AS DECIDED BY CONGRESS VII,

SECGEN MAY HAVE RECOURSE TO FLEXIBILITY CLAUSE RELATING TO STAFF
SALARIES IF, AS RESULT CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS, IT BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE
MEET ENTIRE STAFF COST FROM UNDP ALLOCATION. (COST OF STAFF FOR
MANAGEMENT VAP REMAINS, AS IN PAST, CHARGE AGAINST REGULAR BUDGET).
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